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SUBJECT: APRIL MEETING OF COMMERCIAL COMMISSION

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1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY PARSKY WOULD APPRECIATE THE EMBASSY
PASSING THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO DEPUTY MINISTER MANZHULO:

2. DEAR ALEX: UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL NOT BE ABLE TO JOIN
YOU IN MOSCOW FOR THE COMMISSION MEETINGS. THIS IS VERY
DISAPPOINTING TO ME, BUT THE RECENT SCHEDULING OF THE
PRODUCER-CONSUMER ENERGY CONFERENCE IN PARIS AT THE SAME
TIME REQUIRES ME TO REMAIN THERE. I DID ALL I COULD TO
PREVENT THIS SCHEDULING CONFLICT. HOWEVER, I KNOW YOU WILL
UNDERSTAND THAT THERE WERE MANY FACTORS IN THE ARRANGEMENTS
FOR THE PARIS MEETING WHICH WERE NOT UNDER MY CONTROL.

3. IN MY PLACE, AS A MEMBER OF THE U. S. SIDE OF THE COM-
MISSION, I AM SENDING MY DEPUTY, HOWARD L. WORTHINGTON.
MR. WORTHINGTON HAS MY FULL CONFIDENCE, AS WELL AS THAT
OF SECRETARY SIMON. I HAVE ASKED HIM TO LEAD OUR ADVANCE
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TEAM. HE WILL BE ASSISTED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DOWNEY, MR. KOVNER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, AND POSSIBLY ONE OR TWO OTHERS. AS I BELIEVE WE AGREED IN FEBRUARY, THE ADVANCE PARTY WOULD MEET WITH SOVIET OFFICIALS TO DRAFT A REPORT ON THE EXPERTS WORKING GROUP MEETING AND PREPARE PRELIMINARY DRAFTS OF AGREED MINUTES AND A COMMUNIQUE. WE WOULD SUGGEST THE ADVANCE PARTY MEET WITH THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET OFFICIALS ABOUT 10 A.M. APRIL 9 AND WORK THROUGH THE DAY. I HAD HOPED TO BE ABLE, ALSO, TO WORK OUT WITH YOU A PROGRAM OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE EXPERTS WORKING GROUP, WHICH I CONSIDER VERY IMPORTANT. IF TIME PERMITS, I HOPE A DETAILED PROGRAM ALONG THE LINES WE DISCUSSED CAN BE WORKED OUT WITH MR. WORTHINGTON. PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF THIS IS AGREEABLE TO YOU.

3. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO EXPRESS MY REGRET THAT I WILL NOT SEE YOU IN MOSCOW ON THIS OCCASION. I WILL BE FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH GREAT INTEREST AND WILL PLAN ON SEEING YOU IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

4. WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, SINCERELY YOURS,
GERRY.

5. IN ACCORDANCE WITH ABOVE, PLEASE CORRECT COMMISSION MEMBERSHIP REFTEL BY ADDING HOWARD L. WORTHINGTON AS COMMISSION MEMBER AFTER LEIGH KISSINGER

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